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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: PATEL, Arvind D.

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For: IMPROVED OIL-BASED DRILLING FLUID

Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: P. Tucker

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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The following is in response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the three-month extension of time fee and any other necessary fees regarding this application from Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 11836.0689.PCUS00.

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